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SYMINGTON: DARK HORSE?

There is once again talk about Senator Stuart Symington, of Missouri, as a possible candidate for the presidential nomination at the Democratic convention.

In 1952 Symington was also in the limelight of speculation as the convention neared. However, he was not one of the major Democratic hopefuls, as it turned out, and there are those who say that he did not particularly shine in the Army-McCarthy hearing.

But perhaps Symington was not to shine in that hearing. Perhaps it was too seamy for him to get embroiled.

At any rate, his stock is now measured in terms of a dark horse candidate. That is to say, he is a "possible" because he is in the dark horse category. Any candidate who has tangled with the highly controversial issues of this day, over recent years, has alienated some groups and some blocs.

A candidate who has no strikes against him might be what the Democratic convention is looking for come August. It might be Frank Laushe, Stuart Symington, or someone else. These dark horses' chances depend, directly, on the strength of Adlai Stevenson come August. Either it will be Stevenson or a dark horse, in our opinion.

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THE WEATHER AND FARMERS

An unusually early spring, which has already appeared in the Southern part of the country, and in some other sections as well, is threatening to jeopardize fruit growers and farmers, in many instances.

One will recall that an early warm spell of weather, followed by a bitter freeze last year, ruined the peach crop in much of the Southeast, and did damage to other crops.

We call this to the attention of our readers because the stage is now being set for a repitition of this very costly occurence. This year, spring has arrived surprisingly early in many sections and March is sometimes a treacherous month, which can bring with it most destructive cold snaps.

Before February ended, peach trees were in full blossom in many sections of the South and flowers and other fruit trees, and even vegetables, were well on their way. The grower, who must gamble each year on the weather is now in the position of a person sitting on a keg of high explosives, wondering whether his crops will be suddenly ruined, for the second time in two years. And, as much as we regret to say it, the chances are good that much cold weather is still ahead of us.

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A THIRD PARTY?

Inevitably, there will be attempts to create a third major party in the United States. The latest much-publicized effort is one involving a group which calls itself "For America." This group hopes to curb what it calls the "international socialism" within each of the two major parties.

Another third party possibility is the States Rights movement, which, in 1948, crystalized into the States' Rights Democrats, a third party which nominated a candidate who received 39 electoral votes. That party dissipated because it wedded itself to a negative approach and confined itself largely to a single issue.

The present attempt of the judiciary to end the practice of separate schools, and the threat to the rights of states in several other fields, has stirred anew considerable States' Rights sentiment.

There are those in this country who believe that, eventually, this democracy will experience an evolutionary process which will bring into existence a number of parties, such as we see today in such countries as France. But the argument of these people that this is inevitable, is erroneous. The case of Great Britain is cited to disprove the theory. In World War I there were three parties in Great Britain, and, just prior to World War II, the Libertl Party still palyed a major role in domestic politics.

The Democrats and the Republicans in this country could go on as the only two major parties for a hundred years. Or, there could be a third party, which would take its membership from both. There is a fair chance that a third party movement could be a factor in this year's election, but if so, it will have to set up very quickly.

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SECONDARY ROADS

The recent session of the General Assembly appropriated capitol funds for many fields of state activity which had been over-long neglected. That was good, and the fact that, by and large, it was a harmonious session was due in part to the fact that a great fight did not have to be made to gain this advantage. But, we have not seen much evidence of adequate acceleration of a program to build secondary roads with more speed. Here is a field in which most Southern states need to labor. The farmer and rural resident in general, has enough on his hands without having to struggle with inadequate roads. Hardly a county in Virginia but could make out a case for the immediate doubling of its mileage of hard-surfaced secondary roads. It is one of our continuing problems: only, it can't continue unsolved too long.

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From where I sit ... *by* Joe Marsh

Information "On The Line"

I was reading the other day how a person can get all sorts of things just by dialing a number on his telephone.

In New York you can get the time, the weather, or a prayer. In Philadelphia it's the stock reports. In Boston a voice tells bird watchers what's to be watched in the park.

Over in Europe, they go further. Vienna offers a five-minute fairy tale for kids. In Switzerland you can get the news in any of three languages. And a couple of places have "talking menus" for desperate housewives.

From where I sit, it doesn't matter if ideas are put out by telephone, through editorials, or in person—as long as we can take them or leave them. I happen to like a glass of beer with my supper. You may prefer coffee, tea or branch water. Well, there's no harm in "listening" to another's opinions . . . but if he should try to force them on you, it's always an American's privilege to simply "hang up."

Joe Marsh

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Letters to the Editor

We have been requested by a subscriber to reprint the following letter to the editor of the Lynchburg News:

Sir: I'm sorry that you printed the picture of the two Madison Heights boys holding the BB gun and the dead black snake. This sort of encouragement takes years off other persons' efforts in combatting ignorance and prejudice against wildlife.

Black snakes are valuable as anyone who has an elementary knowledge of the things of nature, knows. But sad as it is to have a black snake indiscriminately killed is the worse thing. Encouraging children to take advantage of our wildlife to get fun doing it. Their fun should be gotten in some other way.

I have written the boys and done what I could to tell them discreetly what is wrong about the picture. I told them I'd take them on a hike some time just to look up things around them. Maybe you'd like to go too!

Sweet Briar. E. G. Pryor.

Mr. F. L. Murphy,
Appomattox, Va.

Copy to:
The Editor, Times-Virginian,

Dear Sir:-

Your very courteous and sincere reply to our letter of February 25th has definitely shown you have the same determined spirit to work for secondary road improvement.

We are in hopes this letter will again be published by the Editor of Times-Virginian, not for our own satisfaction, but as a means of thanking the publisher, and the many town folks and friends who have expressed approval of our remarks.

Virginia — one of the oldest of our states, more historic than any other, with enchantment in it's name, is strategically located next to our Capitol. It can boast a wide variety of healthy climate and soil conditions. Everyone who visits this great sprawling state remembers it for the good primary roads, their "rest stops" and the cleanliness of their "right of ways." Is the state going to rest on its laurels Do the urban folks truly believe they would not benefit by a modern Secondary System to connect with these main highways?

Appomattox — the name known to every student, young and old, is soon to have its one hundredth anniversary, an event that will reverberate throughout the land. The county is geographically located in almost the exact center of the state, and from this hub roads should radiate to every corner — the shortest path. All presenj primary roads will be closed to civilian traffic in an emergency and how can our present secondary system cope with such an eventuality?

Urban families from as far off as Richmind, Roqnoke, Charlottesville and bordering states ask for and are extended the privilege at all seasons of the year to hunt, fish, swim and picnic on the outlying farms of this area. In addition we personally have a family group (no relation to us), gaining in number each year, that holds its annual reunion near the old homesite on the banks of the Appomattox. We welcome them and hope the day isn't far off when we can offer them a real picnic grove with tables and other facilities under a stand of virgin hemlock. All our neighbors have the same feeling. All we ask is that no damage be done to our private property. Does this not prove that city people need the country? Are not good secondary roads necessary to bring fresh farm products to the city, and his right?

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Yours very
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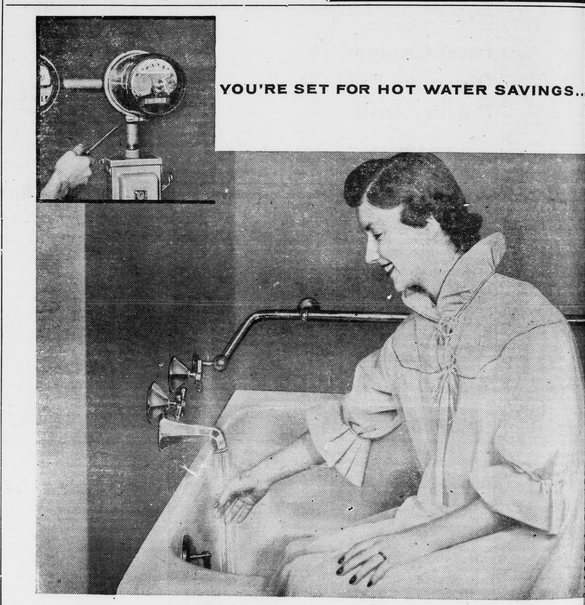

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for March 18, 1956

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Stonewall

Stonewall, March 13.- We have been blessed with some real nice pretty days, and the farmers took advantage of them, working on their gardens and their land for crops of all kinds.

Sorry to hear Mrs. S. L. Scruggs is on the sick list. Hope for her a speedy get well.

The Rev. and Mrs. Colie Rock had lots of their friends from Elon City, N. C. to spend the week-end with them. Always glad to welcome visitors to our church and community.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and children and Mrs. Harold B. Jones, of Richmond spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler.

Mrs. Elsie Caldwell, of Lynchburg spent the week-end at her home near here. She, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr. and Kathy were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Jordan at Concord on Sunday.

Little Mike Rock celebrated his third birthday at his home last Tuesday, March 6th, with 16 of his little friends present to wish him many more happy days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell, Jr., visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick last Wednesday evening and night.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tanner, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Carson and three children, of Galts Mill, and Miss Mary Willie Carson, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilton Lee and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Wheeler on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Wheeler is on the sick list. He also has a sprained ankle and is not able to walk on it.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis had as their guests this week-end her mother, Mrs. Mathews and two children, Joe and Buddie, of Orange, Va.

Glad to see Mr. Billy Bondurant and Mr. Jack Stratton home for the week-end. They are from Crewe, Va. We wish the very best of luck for these two fine young men.

The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club met on last Thursday at the Community Center, with 19 members present, and one visitor and five children. We had a most wonderful time, and a good demonstration. We were served hot coffee, cookies and jello by our hostesses, Mrs. C. M. Stratton and Mrs. John Alvis, Jr.

STONEWALL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting Thursday, March 8, at the Community Center, with a large attendance. We welcome another new member into our club, Mrs. Kern Mayes. We are so glad to have new members enter our club. The demonstration was on short cuts in cooking to save time, and was given by Mrs. Clyde Carson. The hostesses of the month were Mrs. John Alvis and Mrs. Marshall Stratton. They served coffee, jelly and cookies.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported a decline of .1 per cent in the consumer price index from mid-December to mid-January. Very change in February prices forecast.

Britain led the world in auto export last year.

TWO SURVIVE HOME CRASH

Knobnoster, Mo.- Mrs. Clay Curtis and her son, Danny, 14, were in the dining room of their home when they heard a little roar. Seconds later, a jet plane crashed into the house, setting it on fire. Mrs. Curtis and Danny managed to escape with only minor burns, but the plane's four crewmen were killed.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

Baltimore, Md.- When the dual wheels of a truck dropped off, causing the vehicle to go out of control and turn over, Woodrow Davis, 37, of Mount Olive, N. C., a rider in the truck at the time, was crushed to death when he was thrown out of the cab and it toppled over on him.

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